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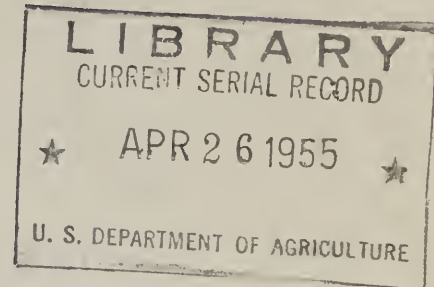
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Subject: Tuberculosis Eradication Situation, Counties overdue

I PURPOSE

The purpose of this supplement is to review some of the apparent weaknesses in the procedures for reaccrediting counties and to call attention to the counties which are overdue for reaccreditation.

II SELECTION OF HERDS AND CATTLE TO BE TESTED

As indicated previously, we are concerned with the status of our tuberculosis eradication program, in some States, from the standpoint of selecting herds and cattle to be tested to qualify areas for reaccreditation. In some States all animals in an area are tested before the county is reaccredited; in other States a percentage of the animals are being tested once every three or six years in order for the county to become reaccredited. Several States are following a procedure of testing all cattle in a designated portion of the county when the reaccreditation test is due. The next time the county becomes due for reaccreditation all of the cattle in another section are tested. In other instances cattle in selected herds throughout the county are tested.

An incident recently came to our attention from one of the mid-western States where funds are set aside by the County Commissioners for tuberculin testing which should be a lesson to all of us. We understand that a candidate for the office of County Commissioner made a campaign promise to do everything possible to discontinue funds for tuberculin testing because certain herds were being continually retested each time the area was due for reaccreditation.

and that other herds were repeatedly being neglected. We are informed that this candidate made the statement that some herds in the county had never been tested and that many had not been tested for as long as 25 years.

We should be able to justify the policies relating to our disease eradication programs. If partial or sample testing is done, the samples should be so selected as to make certain that all herds will be subjected to retests at reasonable intervals. When testing a percentage of the cattle for reaccreditation of an area Branch Veterinarians in Charge should be sure that representative herds are selected and that the same herds are not continually retested to the exclusion of others.

III COUNTIES OVERDUE

There is enclosed a list of the counties in your State which, according to our records, are due for reaccreditation. About July 1, 1955, we plan to prepare a map of the United States showing the status of all counties in the country that are then past-due for reaccreditation. This map when prepared will be distributed to all stations.

Enclosure

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